

## FRIENDS MOURN DEATH OF EX-SLAVE

### Newell Chapel Gets First Prize

**Newell Chapel C. M. E. Church Gets First Prize In Campaign W. B. D. Club Of St. Paul M. E. Church Second Union Baptist Church Third**

**FIFTEENTH AVENUE BAPTIST (White) WINS AGAIN**

The good Samaritan Campaign ended its third months contest Saturday March 11. Newell Chapel C. M. E. Church with Rev. R. L. Young as minister for about seven consecutive years takes the lead for the third time winning three \$25.00 prizes.

The W. B. D. Club of St. Paul M. E. Church steps up from third to second place and obtained the second prize of \$15.00. Rev. M. T. J. Howard is the pastor of this church.

Union Baptist church of the West End took third place in last month's contest. The members of this church have been successful in winning second prize for two months, however, the second place was asked for by St. Paul.

#### WHITE ORGANIZATION

The Fifteenth Avenue Baptist W. M. U. has taken the first prize for three consecutive months.

The second place was taken by the Business and Professional Woman's Club. The third place in the contest goes to Oak Grove Baptist Church.

Fifteenth Avenue Baptist W. M. U., 3,353,026, taking the \$50.00 cash prize; the B and P. W. club with 3,055,795, getting the second prize \$30.00; and the Oak Grove Baptist church, receives third prize of \$20.00 with 1,741,777 votes.

The votes in the contest among colored are as follows:

Newell Chapel C. M. E. Church first prize of \$25.00 757,251 votes, St. Paul W. B. D. Club Second prize of \$15.00 416,210; Union Baptist Church third prize of \$10.00 412,141.

The following are the total votes for the colored groups:

#### COLORED

1. Newell's Chapel	757,251
2. W. B. D. Club St. Paul's	416,210
3. Union Baptist	412,241
4. Pilgrim's Progress	403,843
5. Baptist Seminary	358,686
6. St. John's Baptist	295,659
7. Mt. Zion	144,824
8. St. James A. M. E. Church	97,071
9. Haven's Chapel	63,756
10. 31st Avenue Baptist	43,445
11. Mt. Herman	42,455

#### WHITE

1. W. M. U. of 15th Avenue Baptist	3,353,026
2. Bus. and Prof. Woman's Club	3,055,795
3. Oak Grove Baptist Church	1,741,777
4. Catholic Ladies Aid	1,581,596
5. Wesley Methodist Church	287,674
6. Kings Daughters	100,207
7. First Presbyterian Church	20,336
8. Salvation Army	13,505
9. America League	7,141

10. 5th Street Methodist Church	7,034
11. Jones Memorial Preby.	4,700
12. Matinee Musical Club	4,700
13. First Christian Church	4,700
14. Magnolia Buds, Junior W. C. No. 5	4,700
15. St. Paul's Episcopal Aux.	4,700

#### KINGFISH

The pastor of Newell Chapel C. M. E. Church very respectfully accepts the title of Kingfish for the third month.

### Ruby Bates Mystery Grows In Scottsboro Case

Chattanooga, Tenn., March 17, (ANP) When Ruby Bates, alleged rape victim and girl hobo who achieved notoriety in connection with the famous Scottsboro case, left her home in Huntsville, Ala. on the night of February 27, she may have just decided to go out on a little harmless lark and then got lost. Up until Saturday of last week, she had not returned to her home.

That made her absence without leave amount to almost two weeks. In the meantime, the legal lights of the International Labor Defense appeared before Judge Hawkins in Scottsboro in behalf of the nine boys victims and sought and obtained a change of venue to Decatur. Opposing them in an effort to have the indictments against the boys quashed because no Negroes were on the grand jury which indicted them nor on the petit jury which convicted them was the attorney general of the state, Thomas Knight.

The date of the trial is problematical. It may not occur before June, although by special arrangement between prosecution and defense, it can be held much sooner. The state is said to wish to get through with the case. The defense is not hurried, the reports state.

Of chief concern as matters now stand in the whereabouts of Ruby Bates. Ruby is the girl who wrote a letter stating that she lied in court when she said the boys had attacked her. Later, police said that she repudiated that letter and declared that if she wrote it, she must have been drunk.

She is expected to be one of the principal witnesses for the state.

But where is she? In the attempt to answer that question, there is growing suspicion among the partisans of the state and of the defense.

Persons who believe the boys guilty and hope the state will convict them again are certain that agents of the International Labor Defense have kidnapped the girl and are keeping her in custody to prevent her appearance at the trial as a state witness. They say that letter stuff is all bunk.

Friends of the defense intimate that the state and the police have contrived in some way to lay Ruby Bates aside for awhile so that she may not change her mind and testify for the defense.

Mrs. Emma Bates, Ruby's Mother, declares that after she had gone to bed on the night of February 27, a car drove up outside their shack and the driver called out, "Oh Ruby!" Ruby, already dressed, walked out to the car, got in it and has been gone ever since.

Mrs. Bates expressed the opinion that her daughter seemed to know the man

and was not sure that he might not have been an agent of the I. L. D. However, in an interview with a reporter for the New York Times, Mrs. Ada Wright, mother of two of the victims, stated that she did not believe the girl had been kidnapped.

"Why she's right here in Chattanooga," declared Mrs. Wright. "I saw her the other day with her arms full of packages".

After the Scottsboro trials, it was currently reported that Ruby and the other woman in the case, Victoria Price, were in the habit of visiting workers around pay days and staying for several days at a time.

At the time of the alleged attack, they were returning from one of their alleged excursions, dressed in men's overalls.

#### CONTRIBUTORS ON TRIP TO WASHINGTON

The following individuals and auxiliaries gave contributions ranging from 10c to \$5.00 each on our trip to Washington D. C. We wish to express to all our deep and sincere appreciation for what you did:

Messrs Ames Johnson, A. Evans, J. M. Martin, W. J. Patton (white), Callo-way (white), Pete Bang, Jas. Patrick, A. J. Barnett, Johnnie Cole, J. H. Turner, R. W. Radcliff, Ben Green, Clem Brown, B. H. Seals, D. H. Watson, W. H. J. Weaver, A. G. Kennedy, W. T. Tate, C. S. Williams, B. J. Tatum, S. Knight, G. W. Quincy, C. H. Moody, E. Newell, W. C. McLeod, R. B. Brown, Wooten, V. T. Thompson, Sam Daniel, Major McCall, Foster Ruffin, R. V. Pope, Joe Knox, C. S. Hampton, R. S. Cole, W. B. Howze, E. D. Portis, A. T. Shadwick, Floyd Ott, J. F. Chapel, Jack Davis, J. D. Brown, M. V. B. Pitts, Frank Berry, Jno. Scott, Ben Phillips, Thos Blakney, W. M. Kinslow, M. Pope, Geo. Andrews, J. H. Drakeford, Brown McRee; Mesdames Ella Morrel, Nora House, Annie Turner, Rivers, Annie Blanks, Josephine Brown, Mattie Trussell, C. H. Longmire, Callie B. Hill, Mary McShepherd, Hattie Smith, Lucy Brown, C. L. Pringle, Sallie Pringle; Revs. E. B. Blackman, E. W. Washington, G. C. Fairly, G. R. Ervin, M. D. Evans, W. T. Smith, W. S. Price, C. L. Pringle; Dr. H. P. Porter, Mr. Alex Holloway, Miss Minnie Cole, Auxiliaries of Newell Chapel: Newell Chapel Sunday School, Epworth League, Woman's Missionary Society, and Willing Workers Club. Also the "Big Six Quartet" of Lambert, Miss.

If we have failed to publish the names of any who contributed, it was an oversight on our part and if your name is sent in we will be glad to publish same. Again we thank you.

Rev. R. L. Young, Pastor  
Newell Chapel C. M. E. Church.

### Indiana Law Blocks Discrimination

Indianapolis, Ind., March 17th (ANP) Discrimination against Negroes was dealt a real blow here last week with the passage of the Richardson Labor Bill, which makes it a crime for contractors carrying on state construction work to refuse to hire Negroes because of their color.

Another bill introduced by Representative Henry J. Richardson, Jr., now pending is to amend the constitution of the State of Indiana so that instead of reading "the State militia shall be composed of able bodied white males" it

will read "able-bodied male citizens" thereby opening the opportunity for the organization of a Negro unit or permit Negroes to join other units of the military forces of the state.

### Kansas Honors Legislator

(By I. A. Gregg)

Topeka, Kansas, March, 17, (ANP) On Tuesday March 7, Dr. W. M. Blount State Representative from the 8th district, was called on to preside over the state legislature of Kansas. Dr. Blount is serving his third term as the representative from his District and bears the distinction of being the senior representative from Wyandotte county. He has served his District with such ability that he has been returned twice to his present position, after the enviable record he made during his first term, even polling a majority of the votes of the other group.

In presiding over the House last Tuesday, Dr. Blount won the hearty commendation of all his fellow legislators both Republican and Democratic, for the very dignified manner in which he served, the fairness of his decisions and the courtesies toward his fellow members.

This is real history in the great state of Kansas, for it is the first time that a colored man has presided over a session of the Legislature. But that is the spirit of Kansas, the home of John E. Brown. Dr. Blount is the first colored man to hold a chairmanship of one of the important committees of the Legislature, being chairman of the Committee on Hygiene and Public Health. He is sought by fellow members for his advice on all matters affecting legislation because of his knowledge on State affairs and his sane leadership.

#### ELUDES POSSE WITH S. C. SUPECT

Daurens, S. C., March 17th (ANP) A few minutes after Deputy Sheriff Press Crawford had captured Barney Smith, sought for an attack on a woman, a posse of 100 armed white men, arrived at the scene of the capture in search of Smith. The men went to the jail here and demanded entry. The jailor, J. T. Clem, permitted a committee of three to search the jail, but Crawford had taken the prisoner to the state prison at Columbia for safekeeping. Members off the posse stated openly that they would lynch Smith if they found him.

#### BANKS CLOSED BECAUSE OF DEPRESSION AND HOARDING

The great depression and the economic condition of our country have caused many banks to close. The President of the United States declared a "Bank Holiday." Many business institutions have been hit hard because of the results of the depression.

#### WEEKLY ECHO CONTINUES

The Weekly Echo that comes to your home once a week has hit hard, and yet we have not missed an issue during all of these depressed times and conditions. We are proud to know that we have been able thus far, to publish our paper each week, thereby, giving you the news that you desire to read.

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### SEEKS TO EXEMPT KLAN PROPERTY FROM TAXATION

Columbia, S. C., March 17th (ANP) If a measure introduced into the state senate here this week becomes law, property of the Ku Klux Klan in this city will be exempted from taxation, Senator James H. Hammond spoke for the bill.

He said that the property referred to in the bill as that of the Richland Educational Association, was in reality property of the Ku Klux Klan under another name. He said that it would be exempt from taxation the same as that of churches and fraternal orders.

### Cut And Then Raise President Hale's Salary

Nashville, Tenn., March, 17th (ANP) The wave of economy which swept over the Tennessee Legislature last week, resulted in drastic cuts for heads of the state's educational institutions. President W. J. Hale of the Agricultural and Industrial college had his salary reduced to \$2000 per year, when the general appropriation bill was passed by the house. The salary of the president of the University of Tennessee was lowered to \$2000 per year, and that of the president of the Tenn. Polytechnic institute, to \$2400. An amendment passed later raised the latter two, including President Hale to \$2700. Cuts were made in the salaries of many of the state officials and employees.

### Joint Club Meeting

The Booster's Circle of Newell Chapel Church of which Mrs. E. F. Young, Sr. is president extended an invitation to the Cradle Roll Mother's Club of which Mrs. W. C. Baity is president to meet with them Thursday evening March 16th, at the home of Mrs. Young 1503-26th Avenue. The invitation was accepted with much pleasure and a very interesting program was rendered as follows: Solo Mrs. Clara Robinson, Reading Mrs. Edward Anderson, Instrumental Selection "Pearly Dea Drops," Mrs. W. C. Baity. The Origin and Aim of the Cradle Roll Department Mrs. J. V. Price.

Timely remarks were made by Mesdames Price, Baity, Johnson and Dunlap. The Booster's Circle discussed making a quilt to swell the treasury.

After the meeting closed the hostess Mrs. Young, served banana ice cream and cake.

The Cradle Roll Department will meet at the home of Mrs. J. V. Price next Thursday afternoon.

#### WINS GOLDEN GLOVE TITLE

Chicago, March 17th (ANP) Making up for the gap created when Johnny Phagan, winner of the welterweight title in last year's Golden Gloves contests, turned professional, Eddie Ward, porter at the Medinah Athletic club, came through with flying colors Wednesday night when he knocked out his finalist opponent to win the 135-pound championship, one of the most coveted on the list.

### Many Friends Mourn Over Negro's Passing

By "Meridian Star"

Lauderdale, Miss.-White as well as colored people living in Lauderdale and knowing Jim Pack, a former slave known as "Uncle Jim," are mourning his death, which occurred Sunday morning at his home near here.

Pack was born in 1841 not very far from where he died and where he had lived practically all his life-six miles east of Lauderdale. He married Zilpha Lott in 1865, who survives him. To them were born 11 children, four of whom are still living. He also reared four grandchildren, whose parents died. Pack had 39 grandchildren and 44 great grandchildren.

"Uncle Jim" was considered one of the best negroes living in this section. He lived a Christian life and was highly respected by all white people. He left his family well provided for, having owned and operated one of the best farms in this section. He furnished an excellent example for members of his race to follow. Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. E. G. Webb, pastor of the colored Methodist church. His body was laid to rest on his plantation, his grandsons acting as pallbearers.

#### EDITOR'S NOTE

The above article was taken from the MERIDIAN STAR of Thursday March 16th. Quite a few people in Meridian knew "Uncle Jim Pack. We consider the article carried in the MERIDIAN STAR as being a splendid write up with reference to this splendid character who lived among his friends, both white and colored in such a way that everybody loved him. We commend his life and examples to our young people. Let us conduct ourselves so that both white and colored who know us can say commendable things about us.

#### JAILED FOR WHIPPING POLICEMAN

Washington, March 17th (ANP) When Policeman C. H. Gould interfered between Fred Murphy, six feet four inches tall, and George Murphy, who were staging a fight at Seventh and N. streets, Fred resented the interference and transferred his attack to the policeman. Judge Isaac R. Hitt fined Fred \$15 for being intoxicated and disorderly and sent him to jail for 30 days because he whipped the policeman.

#### THEY'RE IN THE NAVY NOW

Nashville, Tenn., March 17th (ANP) Although the United States navy which Negro taxes help to maintain maintains a "closed door" policy in respect to Negroes as sailors, the door is still kept ajar if Negroes wish to be menials in Uncle Sam's exclusive club.

The following colored men have recently been admitted as mess attendants: Thomas Moore Cotten, Jr., Robert Lee Clendinning, Julius George Frazier, Emmitt Wells and Rowan Talmadge Miller. They will be transferred to Norfolk for a 12-week period of training after which they will be placed upon ships in the Pacific. So long as they wait upon the naval officers satisfactorily, their jobs are secure.

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